- GoK has invested Rs.80 crores in Info-park and has built up 3,50,000 sq.feet of Information Technology space which is sold out.
- GoK has also signed agreement with M/s Larsen and Tuobro who has taken 4 acres of land from Info-park to make a 5,00,000 sq.feet of built up space.

TRAI's instruction on tariff structure

368. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the telephone tariffs for domestic (basic) telephone is comparatively higher than the mobile phone these days;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the TRAI has issued any guidelines to the telephone operators on the tariff structure for basic and mobile phones;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have any plan to remove STD charges fully and to introduce nation-wide local calls; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is flexibility in Tariff Orders to all cellular and basic service providers to fix tariff. A number of tariff options are offered to the subscribers by them. These vary in terms of combinations of monthly rentals, call charges and free call allowances. There are quite a large number of alternative plans/schemes in each service area. Therefore, it is difficult to say whether tariff for basic telephone is higher than that of mobile phones. On the other hand considering the monthly rental, free calls, local call charges etc. for an average subscriber the over all cost for domestic (basic) phone is cheaper than that of a mobile phone.

(c) and (d) The TRAI (Telecom Regulatory Authority of India) has issued several guidelines to the service providers from time to time regarding principles *e.g.* non-discriminatory, non predatory and inter connection

usage charges (IUC) consistency to be followed with regard to the tariff packages. Tariff for basic services (except for rural) and cellular mobile services (except for roaming) is presently under forbearance and the service providers are at liberty to offer various tariff plans.

(e) and (f) The Government is working towards introduction of one India call rate. The proposed measures is at initial stage.

Features of 3G service lines

369. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) when BSNL propose to launch its 3G services;

(b) how many new lines would be given under 3 G services; and

(c) the special features of the 3G service lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) proposes to introduce 3G service as part of the next phase of procurements for the financial year 2006-07.

(b) BSNL is in the process of assessing the demand potential for the 3G services but from procurement angle, BSNL is contemplating 50% of the tendered quantity for 3G services.

(c) 3G service support data speed up to 2 Mbps which can support following applications:

- Video streaming
- Video download
- Online games etc.

World Bank's assistance for I.T. Education Programme

370. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought World Bank's assistance for Information Technology Education Programme in the country; and